

February 28, 2021

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**MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Daily Mass:**

Monday-Saturday 8:35 AM

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:45 PM

Sunday 7:15 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

**Holiday Masses:**

Vigil 5:00 PM

Holiday 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM

**Confessions:**

Saturday 4 - 4:30 PM  
or by appointment

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**MASS INTENTIONS** are combined as follows:

4:45 Mass will combine 4:45, 7:15 & 6:00 intentions.. 9:30 will combine 9:30 & 11:30 intentions..

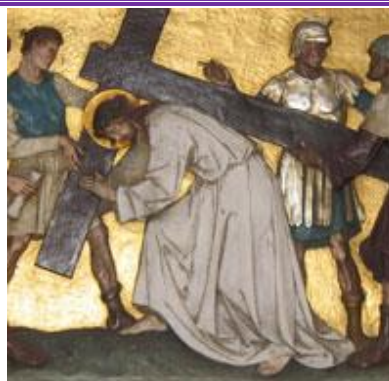
## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon. 8:35AM May Ann Ragan  
R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
- Tue. 8:35AM Christine Boehler  
R/B Ridi & Frank Meyer  
8:35AM Rosa Vanegas DeGonzalez  
R/B Jeremy & Elisa Goldstone  
8:35AM Howard Bolt  
R/B Alice Manzella
- .Wed. 8:35AM Richard McGuinness  
R/B Ginny Jackson
- Thu.. 8:35AM Father Tom Triggs  
R/B Betty & Joe Triggs
- Fri. 8:35AM Eugene Gottlick  
R/B Laura Iarkowski & Family  
8:35AM Gianni Giarratana  
R/B Sam & Sarina Inguanti
- Sat. 4:45PM Nancy Tice  
R/B Delisi Family  
4:45PM Joseph Mohl  
R/B M/M Michael Valenzano  
4:45PM Thomasina Scerbo  
R/B M/M Michael Valenzano
- Sun. 9:30AM Claire Stephenson  
R/B Garr Stephenson  
9:30AM Brian Knapp  
R/B Bill & Trish Foster  
9:30AM Deacon George (Skip) LaPolice  
R/B Sandy Viola  
9:30AM People of Our Parish

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
John 2:13-25

**Fireside Psalms**  
**Thursday, March 4**  
Psalm 37 (thirty-seven): Verses 1-19



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays in Lent in Church**

**9:15 AM Traditional Stations**

**7:00PM Scriptural Stations**

(as they appear in back of our Church)

The Friday morning Stations are also livestreamed and posted online..



## **ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**

**ON YOUR COMPUTER VIA EMAIL**

**The series will run Monday, March 1, through Friday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph.**

A reflection will be delivered each weekday via e-mail.

The series will guide you through spiritual reflection on the Stations of the Cross with themes relating to St. Joseph.

Presented by Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University.

If you would like to subscribe, please visit the Lenten Series registration page at:  
[www.shu.edu/lentenseries](http://www.shu.edu/lentenseries)

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## *This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community*

Dear All:

*Christ's Peace!*

*Lots of rain in last week's forecast. Yahoo! Nobody has to shovel the rain (or plow it)!*

## *This Moment in Prayer*

**Sacramental Crocuses** – Nothing says “Winter is ending” like the encounter with the season’s first crocus. Once again, I am willing to pay the handsome reward of \$5 (U.S.) to whomever finds the season’s first crocus. We know neither the hour nor the day, but we know there will be crocuses. Meanwhile, as we await the first signs of meteorological spring, we celebrate the first indicators of church spring. First Penance starts this weekend and will occur every weekend until Holy Week. God bless our youngsters making their First Penances and then First Eucharists. And bless their families and their teachers.

**When Do You Do Your Little Black Book (LBB)?** – My best LBB time is right before sunrise – between two other types of morning prayer. What about you? Have you settled into a routine for your LBB minutes? Do you feel you are giving the project the right amount of time? Have you found someone with whom you can discuss the day’s readings, even for a moment? My recent favorite is today’s bit about Old Saint Joe’s in Philly – a church that might have been my destination if I had not landed here. God bless Ben Franklin AND God bless Bishop Untener.

**Youth Group Rosary** — Last Sunday members of our youth group got together and prayed the rosary. Did you feel lifted up in prayer? I hope you did.

## *This Moment in Service*

**Snow Removal Fund** – The second collection to defray our snow plowing expenses is this weekend.

**Other Service Projects** – we are about three weeks away from announcing several of our usual spring projects. Stay tuned and enjoy the downtime! And for those doing great work independent of St. Joe’s, keep up the great work.

## *This Moment in Community*

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL** – The 2021 Appeal, which focuses on youth-related ministries, as well as Catholic Charities and seminarian formation, kicks off this weekend and runs through April.

**CRAB CAKES** – Our Knights’ all-new “Crab Cake Take-Out Night” is one month from today. Meatball night provided some great lessons about what to keep doing and what to change. Mark your calendar!

**YOUTH GROUP** — Are you Zoomed-out? Sick of doing everything online? Join us for our anti-online online youth group meeting this Sunday from 6-7:30. We'll be using Zoom - but I promise you'll have a good time! And, for a special treat, Rea will be leading us in some great music! Go to [sjmillstone.com/youth-ministry](http://sjmillstone.com/youth-ministry) for more information.

*Let's hope March comes and goes like a lamb. Then, let's hope April follows March's good example. Meanwhile, blessings on your Lent and on you and your loved ones.*

**Father Hank**

## *IN MEMORIAM*

**Angela DeFino Marchese, 93**, mother-in-law of Jim Jungels, our CCD Director, died on February 18.

**Victor Leo Felix, 50**, husband of parishioner Madeline, died on February 19.

*Please pray for their eternal rest and for consolation for their families and for all who mourn their deaths.*



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## HEALING PRAYER

Healing Prayer invites anyone who is ill, facing surgery, hurting, anxious, burdened or worried to seek prayer for themselves or others. Jesus working through the minister will bring healing, glory and grace to your soul. God's love guides the ministers as they pray. All sessions are private & confidential.

Healing prayer requests can be not only for yourself but also for family and friends. Requests may cover healing of body, mind and spiritual issues.

Members of our Healing Prayer Ministry have created a virtual option and a phone option which is offered at 10:30AM after the 9:30 Sunday Mass and takes place every other weekend until we are back to normal.

**Sundays, March 7 & 21**

To participate in the virtual meeting, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692788835> and follow the directions. You can also engage the healing prayer over the phone by calling 1-929-205-6099 and then the ID number key in 769-278-8835#.



## SAGES WALK March 19, 2 PM

Walkers and hikers will gather for our first walk around our parish campus and to plan our future adventures. Wear your sneakers and meet in the tent area for a quick overview.

If you have not already registered, please call or email AnnaMaria at 908-874-3141 x 240, [ar-ealbuto@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:ar-ealbuto@stjosephsparish.com). If you are interested in joining the group, share some of your favorite places to walk and hike, and let her know if you are willing to guide the group to your favorite place.



## 1000 BOTTLES OF SOAP To Help the Feeding Hands Food Pantry, Raritan

Our goal is to provide 1,000 bottles of laundry soap and 1,000 bottles of dish soap. Thanks to our Knights for organizing this project and for clarifying the guidelines:

- Every bottle of **dish soap** should contain **32 or fewer ounces**.
- Every bottle of **laundry soap** should supply **32 loads of laundry (usually 50 or 60 oz. bottles)**.
- **Make your contribution between Sunday, March 7 and Good Friday, April 2**
- Put your contributions in the specially marked bins in the church van
- If the van is out delivering food, leave the bottles in the bin on the bench by the door
- Send up a prayer for the recipients when you buy the soap, when you drop it off, or both.



## CRAB-CAKES, Friday, March 26

Friday of Palm Sunday weekend will be when we discover if local crab cakes can compare to the best from Baltimore. Either way, the contest will be delicious. Mark your calendar!

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## 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Transformed by Christ Body and Blood - Sent on Mission to Light a Fire the Heart of the Church*

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You can find the link to Bishop's Annual Appeal Video at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA> or by going to our parish website at [www.stjosephsparish.com](http://www.stjosephsparish.com). Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

### IN GOD'S IMAGE

*In God's Image*, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is March 10 and will be on Zoom. Please email for more information. The group is open to LGBTQ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr John at 908 756 0633, ext 125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908 822 5895 or by emailing [sacredheartigi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartigi@gmail.com).

### MEN'S RITE OF PASSAGE RETREAT

with Fr. Richard Rohr

is coming to NJ for the first time this Fall..

More information can be found at

<https://www.illumandc.org/mrop-2021>

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021-2022 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation)

by **no later than March 31, 2021**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

### OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSION

St. Augustine of Canterbury School  
45 Henderson Road  
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**Tuesday, March 99:00 AM**

On-Site (Canterbury Corner)

**Thursday, March 11 3:00 PM**

6:30 PM On-Site (Canterbury Corner)

Virtual

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